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The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified and nominated at the public hearings held November 6-9, 13-15, and 28-29:

Supreme Court **Chief Justice**

The Honorable John W. Kittredge, Greenville, SC

Court of Appeals **Seat 8**

The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr., Florence, SC

Seat 9

Whitney B. Harrison, Columbia, SC
The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes, Georgetown, SC
The Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Laurens, SC

Circuit Court **2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

Grant Gibbons, Aiken, SC
David W. Miller, Aiken, SC
Martha M. Rivers Davisson, Aiken, SC

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

The Honorable S. Bryan Doby, Bishopville, SC
Christopher R. DuRant, Gable, SC
Samuel L. Floyd, Kingstree, SC

3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis, Sumter, SC

4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable Michael S. Holt, Hartsville, SC

5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	James Smith, Columbia, SC Justin T. Williams, Columbia, SC
5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble, Columbia, SC
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	J. Derham Cole, Jr., Spartanburg, SC
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Campobello, SC
8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr., Prosperity, SC
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4	The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr., Charleston, SC Thomas J. Rode, Charleston, SC The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook, Goose Creek, SC
10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Walhalla, SC
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable William Paul Keesley, Edgefield, SC
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Columbia, SC
12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Michael G. Nettles, Florence, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2	The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini, Greenville, SC
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4	Vernon F. Dunbar, Greenville, SC Ken Gibson, Greenville, SC Will Grove, Greenville, SC
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1	The Honorable Robert Bonds, Walterboro, SC
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	The Honorable Marvin Dukes, III, Beaufort, SC
15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3	David Pierce Caraker, Jr., Myrtle Beach, SC Joshua D. Holford, Myrtle Beach, SC Douglas M. Zayicek, Conway, SC
At-Large, Seat 4	Daniel J. Ballou, Rock Hill, SC William C. McMaster, III, Greenville, SC
At-Large, Seat 8	Kimberly V. Barr, Florence, SC T. William “Billy” McGee, III, Columbia, SC William Vickery Meetze, Marion, SC

At-Large, Seat 11

R. Allyce Bailey, Columbia, SC
Joseph Bias, Lexington, SC
The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson, Columbia, SC

At-Large, Seat 16

Riley Maxwell, Columbia, SC
Charles J. McCutchen, Orangeburg, SC
Jane H. Merrill, Greenwood, SC

Family Court

1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Jerrod A. Anderson, Orangeburg, SC
Deanne M. Gray, Summerville, SC

7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Pete G. Diamaduros, Spartanburg, SC
Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Spartanburg, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Summerville, SC

9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Gina J. McAlhany, Summerville, SC

10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

David J. Brousseau, Anderson, SC
Heather Vry Scalzo, Anderson, SC

16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Sammy Diamaduros, Union, SC

16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

R. Chadwick “Chad” Smith, Rock Hill, SC
Erin K. Urquhart, Rock Hill, SC

Administrative Law Court

Seat 1

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson, III, Columbia, SC

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission found the following judicial candidates qualified at the public hearings held November 6-9, 13-15, and 27-28, 2023:

Master-in-Equity

Florence County

The Honorable Haigh Porter, Florence, SC
Coit Yarborough, Timmonsville, SC

Kershaw County

William B. Cox, Jr., Camden, SC

Retired

Supreme Court

The Honorable Jean Hoefler Toal, Columbia, SC

As a reminder, the record remains open until the final report is issued at 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Accordingly, judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until that time.

The election is currently scheduled for Noon on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

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